

# **IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Daniel J. Cole, M.D.**, a 56 year-old physician from Fort Dodge, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Cole was charged by the Board for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to a member of his immediate family. Dr. Cole was ordered to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and attend an ethics program.

**Edward J. Hagen, M.D.**, a 70 year-old physician formerly practicing in Sioux City, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Hagen was charged by the Board for engaging in unprofessional conduct when he failed to appropriately communicate with, and failed to appropriately respond to a teenage patient's concerns following a miscarriage. Dr. Hagen was issued a Citation and Warning for engaging in unprofessional conduct.

**David J. Houlihan, M.D.**, a 38 year-old psychiatrist formerly practicing in Dubuque, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in unprofessional conduct when he violated appropriate professional physician/patient boundaries. Dr. Houlihan is charged with inappropriately hiring two patients to perform work for him, engaging in an inappropriate social relationship with a patient and inappropriate possession of patient medications at his home. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 17, 2002.